

Senate Resolution 771

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Unterman of the 45th,
Thomas of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 1, 2008, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the
4 third leading cause of death; and

5 WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of almost 460,000 American females,
6 about one death per minute, each year; and

7 WHEREAS, each year, 53 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths occur in females, as
8 compared to 47 percent in men, and about 32,500 more females than males die from strokes;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 2008, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the United
11 States, including stroke, is estimated to be \$448.5 billion; and

12 WHEREAS, more women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases
13 than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

14 WHEREAS, only 21 percent of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health
15 risk; and

16 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month; and

17 WHEREAS, "Go Red For Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to
18 increase awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire
19 women to take charge of their heart health; and

1 WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools
2 such as the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp and by talking
3 to their health care provider; and

4 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and
5 stroke, Friday, February 1, 2008, is recognized as "National Wear Red Day" at the state
6 capitol.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
8 recognize, Friday, February 1, 2008, as "National Wear Red Day" at the state capitol and
9 urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by
10 commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red, increasing awareness, and
11 empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
13 to transmit a copy of this resolution to Bill Burns with the American Heart Association.